existing laws to the extent that the provisions of these Sections are contradictory or inconsistent, but only to the extent of such contradiction or inconsistency, and such existing laws, subject to the above provisions, shall be and remain in full force and effect as if these Sections had never been enacted.

SEC. 2. And be it further enacted, That this Act is hereby declared to be an emergency law and necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health and safety, and having been passed by a yea and nay vote, supported by three-fifths (3/5) of all of the members elected to each of the two House of the General Assembly, the same shall take effect from the date of its passage.

SEC. 3. And be it further enacted, That, it being the intention of the General Assembly of Maryland to preserve the right of referendum reserved to the people of Maryland by Article XVI of the Constitution of Maryland both as to this Act and as to Chapter 205 of the Laws of the General Assembly of Maryland enacted at its Regular Session in 1961, and it further being the intention of the General Assembly of Maryland to meet the emergency that has arisen as a result of the suspension of the effect of the said Chapter 205 pending referral thereof to the voters of Maryland, (a) this Act shall not be construed as repealing, by implication or otherwise, Chapter 205 of the Laws of Maryland passed at its Regular Session in 1961, and (b) this Act shall terminate at such time as the said Chapter 205 shall become effective; provided, however, that such rules, regulations, orders and decisions as may be made, promulgated or otherwise handed down by the State Department of Assessments and Taxation or its Director pursuant to the authority of this Act, shall be and remain in full force and effect until such time as the same may be changed, repealed, modified or otherwise altered pursuant to the authority of said Chapter 205 of the Laws of the General Assembly of Maryland passed at its Regular Session in 1961.

Approved June 12, 1961.

CHAPTER 2

(Senate Bill 2)

AN ACT to repeal Sections 408 and 428 (d) of the Charter and Public Local Laws of Baltimore City (1949 Ed.), sub-title, "Justices of the Peace and Constables", and to repeal and re-enact with amendments Section 428 (c) of said Charter and Public Local Laws and sub-title, the latter deleting provisions for a "Women's Court" and relating generally to the detention of women and children under sixteen, and providing that this Act shall be an emergency measure, to be of no effect upon certain contingencies.

SECTION 1. Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,